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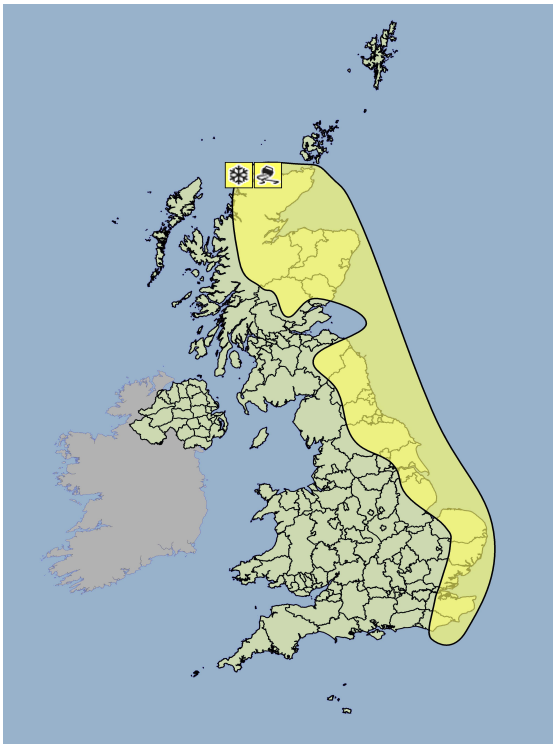

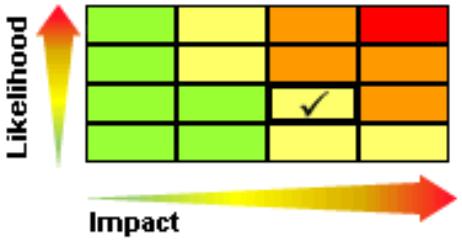

Chief Forecasters Assessment
An area of low pressure moves south through the North Sea later on Saturday and early on Sunday, bringing strong winds and a risk of snow to some northern and later eastern areas. There is high confidence in very poor conditions over higher ground in Scotland. Less certain is the extent of snow at lower levels given that rain and sleet is also possible, but there is potential for local accumulations of several cm even in parts of eastern England, particularly on higher ground. Showers will become confined to eastern coasts from late morning, where they will mainly be of rain.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Warning** of **Snow and Ice**

Valid from **13:00 on Sat, 31st Jan 2015** until **12:00 on Sun, 01st Feb 2015**

Snow and strong winds will affect parts of northern and then eastern Britain later on Saturday and into Sunday. Heavy snow will affect upland parts of northern Scotland from Saturday afternoon, with accumulations of over 25 cm on some high level routes. At lower levels, there will be a mix of rain, sleet and snow, though snow accumulations of 2-5 cm are possible in places, mainly inland above 150 m. Northerly winds gusting 60-70 mph will give rise to drifting snow and blizzard conditions. Conditions will improve slowly overnight, but further snow showers are likely, even on low ground.

Other eastern areas will see occasional snow showers on Saturday before more persistent rain, sleet and snow spreads southwards overnight, with potential for 2-3 cm of snow at low levels, and 5-10 cm over northern hills where again blizzard conditions are possible.

Icy patches are likely throughout the warning area.

The public should be aware of the risk of disruption due to snow and ice.

For more details please go to:
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